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Energy Sector

1. ***January 7, Baton Rouge Advocate*** – (Louisiana) **Texas company fined for faking water tests.** Houston-based W&T Offshore Inc. was fined \$1 million January 3 for violations of the Clean Water Act after it was found to have filtered water samples before recording them at least six times in 2009.

Source: <http://theadvocate.com/home/4838222-125/texas-company-finedfor-faking-water>

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Banking and Finance Sector

2. ***January 7, Softpedia*** – (International) **Algerian hacker wanted in the US arrested by Thai police.** An Algerian man wanted in the U.S. for allegedly hacking into over 200 bank and financial institution accounts was arrested by police in Thailand as he was attempting to travel from Malaysia to Egypt. He will be extradited to the State of Georgia, where an arrest warrant was filed.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Algerian-Hacker-Wanted-in-the-US-Arrested-by-Thai-Police-319099.shtml>

3. ***January 5, Elyria Chronicle-Telegram*** – (Ohio) **Avon Lake man indicted in \$11M scheme.** A man from Avon Lake was indicted on charges that he allegedly received \$11 million via fake businesses that he used to skim money from loans issued by St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union, leading to the credit union's collapse.
Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2013/01/05/avon-lake-man-indicted-in-11m-scheme/>
4. ***January 4, Associated Press*** – (Arizona) **'Dynamite' Bandit uses fake explosives to rob Arizona banks, FBI says.** The FBI said that the "Dynamite Bandit" robbed one bank and attempted to rob two others in the Phoenix area using fake explosives. He was given the misspelled moniker due to his explosive devices being fakes.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/05/dynamite-bandit-bank-robbery-arizona_n_2415213.html
5. ***January 4, Ashbury Park Press*** – (New Jersey) **Owner of Manalapan mortgage company admits \$7.5M fraud.** A co-owner of Hawthorne Capital, a Manalapan mortgage company, pleaded guilty to a Ponzi scheme that defrauded more than 40 individuals of \$7.5 million.
Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20130104/NJNEWS14/301040093/Owner-of-Manalapan-mortgage-company-admits-7-5M-fraud>

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Transportation Sector

6. ***January 6, KIRO 7 Seattle*** – (Washington) **Water main break shuts down SR 20 in Port Townsend.** A water main break January 6 in Port Townsend damaged a business building and shut down State Route 20 between Washington Street and the Port Townsend ferry terminal.
Source: <http://www.kiro7.com/news/news/large-water-main-breaks-port-townsend/nTn5d/>
7. ***January 6, KSEE 24 Fresno*** – (California) **Fire damages 20 school busses in south Fresno.** A fire damaged over 15 school buses parked at the First Student bus yard in Fresno, and damage was estimated at \$1 million.
Source: <http://www.ksee24.com/local/Fire-Damages-20-School-Buses-in-Fresno-185819532.html>
8. ***January 6, KGTV 10 San Diego*** – (California) **One killed after car, fuel tanker collide on Friars Road in Mission Valley.** Friars Road was closed in both directions, as well as the off-ramp from northbound Interstate 15, for over 6 hours after a driver was killed when their car collided with a fuel tanker in Mission Valley.
Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/1-killed-after-car-semi-truck-collide-on-friars-road-in-mission-valley-01062013>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

9. ***January 6, WWLP 22 Springfield*** – (Massachusetts) **Arrest made in Palmer Post Office robbery.** Palmer Police arrested and charged a teen with armed robbery after he allegedly help up the Thorndike Post Office January 5.
Source: http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/crime/bank_robbery/arrest-made-in-palmer-post-office-robbery

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Agriculture and Food Sector

10. ***January 4, Deseret News*** – (Utah) **MTC in Provo working to contain stomach flu outbreak.** A possible strain of Norovirus affected more than 250 students of the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, since December 31, 2012.
Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865569889/MTC-in-Provo-working-to-contain-stomach-flu-outbreak.html>
11. ***January 4, WDAY 6 Fargo*** – (Minnesota) **Grain elevator is still smoldering in Ada.** A major fire burned down the Triple Crown grain elevator in Ada, January 4. The cause of the fire was unknown.
Source: <http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/73231/>

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Water Sector

12. ***January 7, Waterbury Republican-American*** – (Connecticut) **Customers in 3 towns lose water after pipe breaks in Seymour.** Repairs on a water main break were completed January 6 as residents and retail owners in Seymour, Oxford, and Beacon Falls were left without water for several hours after a water main break on Route 67.
Source: <http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2013/01/07/news/local/695365.txt>
13. ***January 7, Associated Press*** – (Minnesota) **Minneapolis to restore water to final 6 buildings.** A water main break the week of December 31 spilled 14 million gallons of water in Minneapolis. City officials expected full water service to be restored to the remaining buildings by January 6, however a 24 hour boil advisory would be in effect to test the water quality.
Source: <http://www.nujournal.com/page/content.detail/id/278233/Minneapolis-to-restore-water-to-final-6-buildings.html?isap=1&nav=5031>

14. *January 6, Atlanta Journal Constitution* – (Georgia) **Water main break damages Clairmont Road near DeKalb Peachtree Airport.** Several hundred customers along Clairmont Road lost water January 5 and the foundations of the two westbound lanes were damaged during a water main break. The county plans to invest \$1.35 billion over the next 5 years to make over 80 upgrades to the water system.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/breaking-news/water-main-break-damages-clairmont-road-near-dekal/nTn6K/>

15. *January 5, WKZO 590 AM Kalamazoo* – (Michigan) **Huge raw sewage spill on Kalamazoo's east side triggers health concerns.** A massive raw sewage release of around 300,000 gallons spilled into the Spring Valley Creek in Kalamazoo due to a blockage in a sewer pipe. This is the second major spill in the past 12 months; 600,000 gallons of sewage overflowed in spring 2012.
Source: <http://wkzo.com/news/articles/2013/jan/05/huge-raw-sewage-spill-on-kalamazoos-east-side-triggers-health-concerns/>

16. *January 7, KTXS 12 Sweetwater* – (Texas) **Colorado City issues boil water notice.** A water main break left the residents of Colorado City under a boil water notice January 7.
Source: <http://www.ktxs.com/news/Colorado-City-issues-boil-water-notice-/14769632/18032196/-/11xghmoz/-/index.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

17. *January 6, Danvers Patch* – (Massachusetts) **Nursing home evacuated after sewage backup.** A sewage backup caused about 100 residents to be removed from Twin Oaks Care and Rehabilitation Center and placed in other nursing homes around Massachusetts.
Source: <http://danvers.patch.com/articles/nursing-home-evacuated-after-sewage-backup>

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Government Facilities Sector

18. *January 7, Charlotte Observer* – (South Carolina) **2 York Co. government websites hacked.** Intruders hacked and posted fake material on two York County government Web sites. Officials blocked access to the sites and believed the access occurred through an older Web server.
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2013/01/07/3769728/york-co-solicitors-office-website.html>

19. *January 6, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **Officials investigating fire at Morehead State University.** Investigators were at the scene of a January 6 fire at

Morehead State University that damaged a storage and office facility and left four firefighters injured.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2013/01/06/2466565/officials-investigating-fire-at.html>

20. ***January 5, Oakland Press*** – (Michigan) **Atlanta businessman accused of defrauding Pontiac, Detroit pension funds.** A businessman from Atlanta was indicted for fraud, conspiracy, and other charges relating to losses of \$23.8 million from the investments of a Pontiac, Michigan, and two Detroit pension funds.

Source:

http://www.theoaklandpress.com/articles/2013/01/05/news/local_news/doc50e89c763925b048600977.txt?viewmode=fullstory

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Emergency Services Sector

21. ***January 5, Chicago Tribune*** – (Illinois) **2nd federal escapee caught.** An inmate that escaped from the Metropolitan Correctional Center was captured January 4, concealed in a costume intended to camouflage his identity.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-jail-escapee-captured-20130105,0,4485356.full.story>
22. ***January 4, Associated Press*** – (California) **Santa Barbara jail yard disturbance quelled.** An incident that left 6 inmates injured at Santa Barbara County's Main Jail prompted a lockdown through the weekend of January 6. Officials are still investigating the occurrence which involved 36 inmates.
Source: http://www.necn.com/01/04/13/Santa-Barbara-jail-yard-disturbance-quel/landing_nation.html?&apID=728d9f96ce4f4b72a9184ec176d86b2f
23. ***January 4, Albany Times Union*** – (New York) **Ambulance squad takes forced break.** Due to the amount of damage caused by a December 29 fire, the Rensselaer Volunteer Ambulance will be out of service until repairs are made to the garage and the equipment.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Ambulance-squad-takes-forced-break-4168976.php>
24. ***January 4, Bloomington Pantagraph*** – (Illinois) **State prison locked down after 58 guards call in sick.** Stateville Correction Center was placed on lockdown for about 8 hours January 4 after 58 employees called in sick.
Source: http://www.pantagraph.com/news/state-and-regional/illinois/state-prison-locked-down-after-guards-call-in-sick/article_1f01c6e6-56cf-11e2-af5b-0019bb2963f4.html

25. *January 4, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **State shuts down McCreary County jail.** 47 inmates from McCreary County jail were moved to another correctional center as the Kentucky Department of Corrections shut down the jail. Officials reported the facility had several unresolved issues that needed to be fixed before they could be in operation.
Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2013/01/04/2464897/state-shuts-down-mccreary-county.html>

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Information Technology Sector

26. *January 7, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Crimeware author funds exploit buying spree.** Researchers have tied ‘Paunch’, the author of the Blackhole exploit kit, to the Cool Exploit Kit, and noted that Paunch has been updating both kits with newly-purchased, undisclosed exploits.
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/01/crimeware-author-funds-exploit-buying-spree/>

27. *January 4, Threatpost* – (International) **Researchers bypass Microsoft Fix It for IE zero day.** Exodus Intelligence researchers reported their discovery of a way to work around the temporary fix that Microsoft posted to address a zero day exploit in Internet Explorer (IE) used in recent watering hole attacks.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/researchers-bypass-microsoft-fix-it-ie-zero-day-010413

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

28. *January 6, Dearborn Patch* – (Michigan) **Cut cable line in Dearborn leaves WOW! customers with no cable, Internet Sunday.** WOW! customers in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights lost cable, Internet, and phone service January 6 due to a severed cable line.
Source: <http://dearborn.patch.com/articles/cut-cable-line-in-dearborn-leaves-wow-customers-with-no-cable-internet-sunday>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *January 7, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Undeterred mall shoppers back day after teen brawl.** A flash mob at the Mall of Louisiana in Baton Rouge involving some 200 juveniles and organized through social media Web sites ended in a fight January 5. Authorities arrested six juveniles from the group and closed the mall down for the rest of the evening.
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/4851684-123/undeterred-mall-shoppers-back-day>

30. *January 7, KTVT 11 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Storybook Ranch to be rebuilt after fire.** The Storybook Ranch event center in McKinney was completely destroyed by a fire January 3.
Source: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2013/01/07/storybook-ranch-to-be-rebuilt-after-fire/>

31. *January 6, Chelmsford Independent* – (Massachusetts) **Fast-moving fire leaves two dead at Chelmsford condo complex.** A Chelmsford condo building was the scene of a fire January 6 that left two victims dead and another with serious injuries. Authorities were working to assist those that were displaced.
Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/chelmsford/x1233665192/Marshal-Two-dead-in-Chelmsford-condo-fire#axzz2HIm5phw2>

32. *January 6, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Arson investigating two fires at west Houston apartment complex.** Two fires lit in less than 3 hours at a Houston apartment building January 6 displaced four families from their severely damaged apartments. None of the residents heard smoke alarms and arson investigators were looking for leads following the event.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8943869>

33. *January 4, Chicago Sun-Times Media Wire* – (Illinois) **Skokie apartment complex evacuated after CO sickens residents.** Firefighters evacuated the residents of a 48-unit apartment complex in Skokie January 4 because of a boiler leak that left high levels of carbon monoxide in the building. A total of six residents were taken to a local hospital for treatment.
Source: <http://skokie.suntimes.com/news/17389609-418/skokie-apartment-complex-evacuated-after-co-sickens-residents.html>

34. *January 4, Associated Press* – (New York) **4 firefighters, 1 civilian injured in a residential blaze in Borough Park, Brooklyn.** A 3-alarm fire in Brooklyn January 4 left four firefighters and one resident with minor burns.
Source:
<http://www.threpublic.com/view/story/b54c5643eead479fa0627e4a1d876602/NY--Brooklyn-Fire>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

35. *January 4, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **State quarantines walnut wood in Haywood County.** North Carolina Department of Agriculture officials placed a quarantine January 3 on all walnut tree material sold in Haywood County to prevent the spread of thousand cankers disease after it was found on trees in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20130104/NEWS/301040041/State-quarantines-walnut-wood-Haywood-County>

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Dams Sector

36. *January 5, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Bennington plans to remove dam for public safety reasons.** Residents in the Bennington area applied for permission to remove the Henry dam on the Walloomsac River due to safety concerns that have affected local residents in the past.

Source: <http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20130105/NEWS02/701059928>

37. *January 5, U-T San Diego* – (California) **Sea wall repair gets \$700K State grant, State aids sea wall fix.** A \$700,000 grant from the California Department of Water Resources Local Levee Assistance Program was granted to assist in the crack filling repairs of a 900-foot sea wall and boardwalk in Mission Beach. The repairs are part of a \$2.4 million project to repair the sea wall originally built in 1925.

Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2013/jan/05/tp-sea-wall-repair-gets-700k-state-grant-state/>

38. *January 4, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Corps says \$10.3 billion, 98-mile Morganza to the Gulf levee plan is cost-effective.** A revised \$10.3 billion plan to construct a levee from the Morganza to the Gulf intended to protect Houma and the surrounding area was released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers January 4. The new proposal for the levee includes new safety features developed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/01/corps_says_revised_103_billion.html

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